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Dear Sir:

As an erstwhile member of the Warren Commission, you will, I am sure, be especially interested in the storm of controversy that has been stirred up anew since the publication in late November of the enclosed book, SIX SECONDS IN DALLAS by Josiah Thompson. Professor Thompson bases his startling conclusions on concrete evidence that was unavailable to the Commission -- for example, precise measurements and detailed observations made from the clear Life copy of the Zapruder film instead of a murky, second generation copy of a copy made available to the Commission.

These measurements and observations prove beyond reasonable doubt that Governor Connally was struck by a second bullet that could not have come from Oswald's rifle and that the final, devastating wound smashed the President's head backward and to the left, a reaction not compatible with a shot fired from the rear.

As a result of this book, more than for any other reason, the pivotal findings of the Report have been seriously challenged by concerned Americans.

I am enclosing a few salient comments selected from many that have appeared recently in magazines and newspapers from coast to coast. Please look them over, noting especially that all press for a reopening of the investigation. We believe that they will prove of the gravest concern to you, as they are to us.

The nation cannot accept the notion that "The real facts will never be known." Because there is no Federal body presently constituted to examine these new findings, we turn to you. We earnestly hope that you will be moved to urge the

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formation of a Congressional body or an independent committee of scholars, critics, pathologists and criminologists empowered to probe these hypotheses, refuting them if additional evidence warrants, or expanding upon the original Report if that should prove necessary.

In fact, we would very much like to be helpful to you in any way possible in quelling these doubts. If you have any suggestions for us about how we can proceed, we would be deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Bernard Geis

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